(c) The Government have planned to provide telephone facility to the remaining Panchayat villages progressively by March 1995 subject to availability of resources.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE AT MECHUKA

2478. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1984 Government have received many representations from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh regarding installation of Wireless Stations| Telegraph office at Mechuka, West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh: and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to install a telegraph office at Mechuka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) :

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Provision of Phonocom facility nas been proposed through Satellite during 1994-95.

INADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR PAYMENT OF TELEPHONE BILLS IN FARIDABAD

2479. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of telephone connections in the Faridabad Telecom District;

(b) what are the present arrangements of making payment of telephone bills by the subscribers in various sectors|colonies and whether they are inadequate and insufficient to cope with the present number of subscribers who are made to wait for hours at the counter of GMT office manned by only skelton staff; and

(c) if so, what is the present arrangement to improve payment of telephone bills by the subscribers without much harassment and the steps being taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Total number of telephone connections are 47537.

(b) Payment of telephone bills is accepted at the following places :

1. Amar Nagar Post Office.
2. Sector 16-A Branch Post Office.
3. Escorts Nagar Post Offices.
4. Ballabhgarh Post Office.
5. Sector 7 Post Office.
6. Nehru Ground Head Post Office.
7. At three counters of GMT Office, Faridabad, Sector 16.

The arrangement is adequate to cope with present number of subscribers.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

INADEQUATE POST AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN FARIDABAD

2480. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) wheher it is a fact that posts and telegraphs facilities are very inadequate in the entire region of district Faridabad Haryana;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof and the reasons for not taking any action to review the present arrangements in order to improve the situation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only one Post Office located in Sector 7 without telex and telegraph facility which caters to 10 lakhs of residents living in the adjoining sectors 4 to 10 where even letter boxes have not been provided to drop mail by the residents; and

(d) if so, what urgent measures are proposed to be taken to improve the situation and remove the hard-ships of residents and by when ?